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          System Having Particular)
          Adaptability to   )
          Financial Payment   )
          Switches   )
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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20232

Sir:

Please replace claim 6 with the following:

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6.   An expedited method of assembling a software system, comprising the following steps:

a)   fabricating a collection of software systems, each of which contains

i)   a processing module (PROC_MOD) which processes content of messages;

ii)   a packaging module (PAK_MOD) which packages messages into packets for transport out of the system;

iii)   a communication module (COM_MOD) which accepts and delivers message packets; and

iv)   a system control module (CONTROL) which coordinates the processes of (i),

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